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1. [REDACTED] NGO DINH NHU TOLD AN ASSEMBLY OF GENERAL OFFICERS AND SERVICE AND STAFF CHIEFS THAT THERE MIGHT BE AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) WITHIN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS. [REDACTED] COMMENT. ALL GENERAL OFFICERS WERE PRESENT EXCEPT LIEUTENANT GENERAL LE VAN TY AND BRIGADIER GENERALS DO CAO TRI, TON THAT DINH AND TRAN NGOC TAM.) NHU CITED THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED PARTIAL TEST BAN TREATY SAYING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS ADOPTING A POLICY OF APPEASEMENT TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WHICH COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM OR AN INDICATION OF A

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U. S. POLICY CHANGE TOWARD VIETNAM. ACCORDING TO NHU, THE U.S. MIGHT WELL REDUCE ITS MILITARY AS WELL AS ECONOMIC AID. FOR THIS REASON THE GVN MUST, IF NECESSARY, STAND INDEPENDENT OF THE U.S.; THE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) SHOULD BE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR ECONOMY AND ALL EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE CAREFULLY DEPLOYED TO ASSURE ITS MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS. NHU COMMENTED THAT THE GVN WAS IN A POSITION TO ASSERT ITSELF BECAUSE OF THE TREMENDOUS SUCCESS OF THE STRATEGIC HAMLET PROGRAM.

2. NHU TOLD THE OFFICERS THAT IT WAS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THE ARVN WORK CLOSELY WITH THE REPUBLICAN YOUTH AND THE WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT BECAUSE THE MEMBERS OF THESE GROUPS WERE EAGER TO COLLABORATE WITH THE ARVN AND WERE UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ANTI-GVN MOVEMENTS DEVELOPING WITHIN THE CITIES.

3. [REDACTED] DISSEM. STATE ARMY NAVY AIR USMACV MAAG USOM USIS 9TH FLD STA 2ND AIR DIV CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC PACAF

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